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There will be a lot of surprise parties in Europe in the next few weeks.

The socialists claim that the war in Europe has set their cause forward fifty years.

A woman likes to have her medicine coated with sugar and a man wants his soaked in whisky.

Our peace advocates are laboring strenuously to make war less deadly—for any enemies we may have. But more deadly for us.

Admiral Pears says it is our (American) destiny to rule North America. We rule nearly all of it that is worth ruling now.

It is reported that the Hon. Champ Clark intends to be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination next year. The Star sincerely hopes he will not obtain it.

British soldiers who have been fighting all winter in the mud of southwest Belgium say the name of the country should be changed from Flanders to Flounders.

Messrs. Crosby and Henderson, Marion's two representatives, will have their quarters at the Butler House in Tallahassee during the meeting of the legislature. They will room together and work together.

The editor of the Star had the pleasure Friday of seeing that great industrial enterprise, the plant of the Florida Power Company on the Withlacoochee, and will try to give a description of that excellent institution in tomorrow's paper.

The United States has no coast defenses. It has harbor defenses, but thousands of miles of its coasts are entirely undefended. An enemy would not attack the forts of New York. He would land his army on the coast 25

or 50 miles off, march it across a stretch of country defended only by our ridiculously small army and take the city in the rear, where there are no forts. And so he could do with any of our coast cities.

Dr. M. C. Izlar, one of our progressive young dentists, has shown the Star an article on oral hygiene in the Journal of the National Dental Association. The article goes exhaustively into the necessity of looking after the teeth of public school children. Thirty or forty years ago, no attention whatever was paid to this important subject—if a scholar had good teeth, or parents able to look after them, he or she got along very well; if not, the pupil had to suffer. Bad teeth were not considered any reason for poor scholarship, let alone any of the other troubles that a dentist never noticed then, but which a dental surgeon has to understand now. Ocala has made some progress in this direction—the city physician inspects the teeth of the children in the primary school, and when he finds defective teeth warns the child's parents of the trouble. Often the warning is heeded, but sometimes it is not. Parents do not yet fully understand what a great handicap to children are defective teeth, but they are realizing it more and more every day.

Every day or so a German submarine torpedoes an Allies' merchant ship, and every third or fourth day, the Allies announce they have sunk a submarine. There is never any doubt about the sinking of the merchant ships, but there is generally considerable doubt about sinking the submarines.

Dispatches of the last few days show that Germany, Turkey and the allies are busy bidding for the support of Bulgaria, with the prospects in favor of the allies. The Turks are reported to have offered Bulgaria as the price of continued neutrality, a

section of territory north of a line running from Midia west to Maritsa. Midia is a town on the Black Sea, seventy miles north of Constantinople, and the proposed change in frontier would bring the Bulgarian boundary line to within sight of Adrianople, which was taken by the Bulgarians and Serbians in 1912, but which was recaptured by the Turks when the Balkan allies fell out the next year. It is understood that the allies have offered Bulgaria all that remains of Turkey in Europe, except Constantinople, which is to go to Russia. It is not likely that the Bulgarians will accept anything from Turkey, which does not include Adrianople, which is one of the holy cities of Islam and greatly treasured by the Ottomans.

MUCH PLEASED WITH MIAMI

Among the Ocala representatives in Miami at the present time are Mrs. Van Hood and daughter, Miss Marguerite Porter, and Mrs. Horne. Miss Porter is in Miami as a representative of the Ocala Star, and with her mother, Mrs. Van Hood, is enjoying every minute of her stay. Yesterday afternoon, Judge Billingsley and Mrs. Billingsley took the party for a ride which the visitors declare they found most delightful. Miami is always glad to hear of further boosters for this section, and Miss Porter announces her intention of becoming one—Miami Metropolis.

Mrs. Hood, Miss Porter and Miss Jefferson Bell, who was also a representative of the Star, and the other visitors to Miami, returned home today.

The Germans are said to be trying to induce the Spanish to help them, promising Gibraltar and Tangier to Spain as rewards. What a Spanish army could do to the French with a rear attack across the Pyrenees would be a plenty. It would make the Allies a lot of trouble, but would probably end in Spain losing more territory instead of gaining it.

The objection of Messrs. R. C. Camp and R. L. Anderson, Jr., to validation of the city electric bonds, which case was decided by circuit court Judge Bullock in favor of the city, has been appealed to the state supreme court by the objectors. The supreme court will give the case a hearing in June.

The Florida Press Association, which was in session in Miami last week, elected C. O. Codrington, of the Deland News, president. An excellent choice—Mr. Codrington is an enterprising and independent journalist, and was almost born to the profession. The next meeting of the association will be in Kissimmee.

Senator Bryan has not had much to say about his candidacy for renomination. But, remembering how he tore Mr. Blount's record to pieces six years ago, we have no doubt that he will make it hot for his adversaries when the campaign opens.

The can-opener is the most useful, and the most frequently used, implement in Florida. It gives access to more of the food consumed by our people than the plow and the hoe combined.—Tampa Tribune.

Another impolite truth.

The Chattanooga Automobile Club has unjustly blamed Governor Trammell for declining to attend the Dixie Highway Conference at Chattanooga April 3. As the legislature meets April 6, it is unreasonable to expect the governor to be out of his own state only three days previously.

The Tampa Tribune, commending on the move by the sheriffs of the state to substitute electrocution for hanging, suggests that we abolish capital punishment altogether. The Star is willing, but it wants to see murder and rape abolished first.

The Turks say they object to being "lied about." As if anyone could possibly lie about the unspeakable Turk! —Pensacola Journal.

He can't be accused of doing any worse than some of the Christians.

The Ocala Star is of the opinion that the insurance companies need sympathy instead of censure, but the Star has not lived in Miami and listened to the promises of the insurance raters.—Miami Metropolis.

There may be something in that. We have a solid bunch of insurance men here. Why don't you quit doing business with the unreliable ones instead of asking the legislature to sit down on the entire business.

The Jacksonville Metropolis lived up to its proposition to celebrate the discovery of Florida in its excellent Sunday morning edition, but we regret to say we do not notice many of our contemporaries following the Met's example. It would be a good thing for Florida if the papers of the state would establish the custom of issuing special editions on that day.

It is no wonder the Italian government has been coy about embracing the cause of the allies. The Italians have been whipped in every standup fight they ever had with the Austrians, and if it hadn't been for France all northeastern Italy would belong to Austria yet.

In writing a biography of Sir David Beatty, the admiral who commanded the British squadron which won the

last North Sea battle, the narrator says: "In the following year, Beatty took a rest and married." As it was entirely unnecessary to add that Beatty hadn't had any rest since, he did not do so.

RAPID CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEW RAILWAY

(Miami Metropolis)
Before the end of next January the whistle of a train from Fort Myers will blow in Miami.

A positive statement to this effect was made this morning by W. J. Hilands, trustee of the Fort Myers, Marco Bay & Miami railroad, survey for which was started on Monday of this week. Mr. Hilands has spent the week here quietly looking over the situation and completing arrangements for the entrance of the railroad into Miami.

He would not say by what route the new steam line will enter the city. He did say, however, that there is now no question in the world about the railroad being built; that it was financed before the war broke out; that it has behind it such men as R. S. Hall of Ocala, and that it would tap one of the most valuable cypress forests in the United States.

For ten months preliminary surveys have been in progress on this railroad. Mr. Hilands and his engineers have been in Miami several times during this period, and for three weeks previous to his visit here one of Mr. Hilands' agents spent his time in this city "lining up things." Mr. Hilands with Mr. Hall will return to this city in about ten days to continue conferences with Miami capitalists.

Following the west coast from Fort Myers to Marco Bay—one of the best harbors on the west coast, according to Mr. Hilands, with from 28 to 32 feet of water inside the bar, which will pass a vessel drawing 12 feet at low tide—the railroad will leave the west coast and strike straight east across the peninsula between townships 51 and 52 until it reaches the Miami canal, the banks of which it will follow to Miami. It is possible that a branch will follow the North New river canal to Fort Lauderdale, as well.

The road will be about 150 miles long, and will cost about \$15,000 per mile. Construction work will start as soon as the permanent survey has been completed. This survey will require about three months, as the work must be done carefully.

One of the first movements of the railroad when it is built will be to inaugurate a series of excursions from Jacksonville down the west coast and back up the east coast. Such low rates will be made for these excursions, according to Mr. Hilands, that thousands of people will be brought to southern Florida.

The Ocala Iron Works keeps quite busy in spite of the war. A star reporter took a look at the new plant Friday afternoon, and found a bunch of muscular and intelligent young mechanics making stubborn steel into useful shape. The work then on hand was working over the driving wheels of one of George Bentz's locomotives, the said wheels having been worn almost into decahedrons pulling logs to the big Fort McCoy mill.

Joseph C. Lanier, probation officer of Duval county, who has achieved a good reputation as a worker among refractory children, has been appointed by Governor Trammell a member of the board of managers of the state reform school at Marianna.

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STATE BANKERS WILL MEET IN DAYTONA NEXT YEAR

The Florida Bankers finished their state convention at Palatka Saturday. They had a pleasant and profitable session, and were most hospitably entertained by the good people of the Gem City.

The meeting of next year will be held in Daytona. Ocala showed up well in the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, A. S. Willard, Palatka; first vice president, Forest Lake, Sanford; second vice president, A. P. Anthony, Jacksonville; third vice president, R. M. Price, Miami; fourth vice president, G. G. Ware, Leesburg; fifth vice president, T. C. Watts, Jasper; secretary and treasurer, George R. DeSaussure, Jacksonville.

Executive committee: Giles L. Wilson, Jacksonville; H. G. Stokes, Ocala; F. N. Conrad, Daytona; A. E. Osborne, Williston; H. H. Root, Plant City.

Agricultural committee: Z. C. Chambliss, Ocala; A. Livingston, Madison; S. J. Harvey, Milton; L. P. McCord, West Palm Beach; T. B. King, Arcadia.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the city of Ocala, Marion county, Florida, will apply to the legislature of the state of Florida, at the next session thereof for local or special legislation to change and amend the city charter of the said city as follows:

That all taxes which are levied by said city upon real and personal property shall be collected substantially in the same manner provided by law for the collection of state and county taxes, on that may be hereafter provided, in so far as the same is applicable; that the city council of said city shall be the equalization board for said city in such matters and that it shall be empowered to provide by ordinance for the hearing and adjusting of all complaints in such matters, and for the time of assessing and collecting such taxes, the opening and closing of the tax books, the duties of the tax assessor in relation to the return and assessment of property, in addition to the powers already conferred in such matters upon said council; that any property not taxed for any year by reason of omission or error, or that escaped the payment of the taxes for any year by reason of such error or omission shall be taxed the next ensuing year for both the tax for the year in which such error or omission occurred in addition to the taxes for such ensuing year.

To empower said city to levy a special tax annually not to exceed one mill on all property taxable by said city, for the maintenance or assistance of hospitals, band concerts, and rest rooms within the corporate limits of said city, and to secure publicity for said city.

To empower said city to furnish electric current and power to all persons either within or without the corporate limits of said city that the city council of said city shall see fit; to build, operate and maintain electric trolley lines either within or without the corporate limits of said city for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to make such charges for such transportation as said council shall see fit, and to issue bonds in accordance with law for such purposes as in the case of other municipal purposes.

To empower said city to make and enter into contracts with any of its own officers until such a time as the census of population of said city shall show it to contain more than 10,000 inhabitants.

That there shall be a city clerk, a city treasurer and a city collector elected annually by the city council in accordance with law, whose powers and duties shall be such as shall be fixed by the city council of said city.

To empower said city to issue industrial bonds not to exceed \$50,000, to encourage and assist in the establishment of factories and enterprises within the corporate limits of said city, and to make such loans to the owners or parties interested in such enterprises or factories as may be approved by a majority of the bond trustees of said city, provided the interest charged on such loans is not to be less than the interest paid on such bonds.

To empower the said city to reassess paving and sidewalk special assessments which may be void by reason of irregularities and errors; and to empower the said city to serve notice on unknown property owners or absent property owners by publication in newspapers when such property owners may be required to construct any street or sidewalk paying on any property by said city.

That the members of the city council are to each receive the salary of \$15 per month, and that any member absenting himself from any regular meeting of the city council shall have the sum of \$7.50 deducted from such salary, unless he had first secured the written consent of the president of the council to be absent.

That only the duly qualified and registered voters of the said city who possess real or personal property subject to taxation by said city to the amount of \$200 and who have paid the taxes last due thereon shall be permitted to vote in any election called for the purpose of issuing bonds of the said city.

That no franchise of any kind shall be granted by the city of Ocala, to any person, firm or corporation, without the consent of a majority of the registered voters of the city of Ocala voting at an election for that purpose called and that any person, firm or corporation desiring to secure any such franchise shall deposit with the city clerk of the said city at such time as shall be fixed by the city council, a sufficient sum of money, the amount thereof to be fixed by the city council, sufficient to defray all the expenses of calling and holding such an election.

City Council of the City of Ocala.

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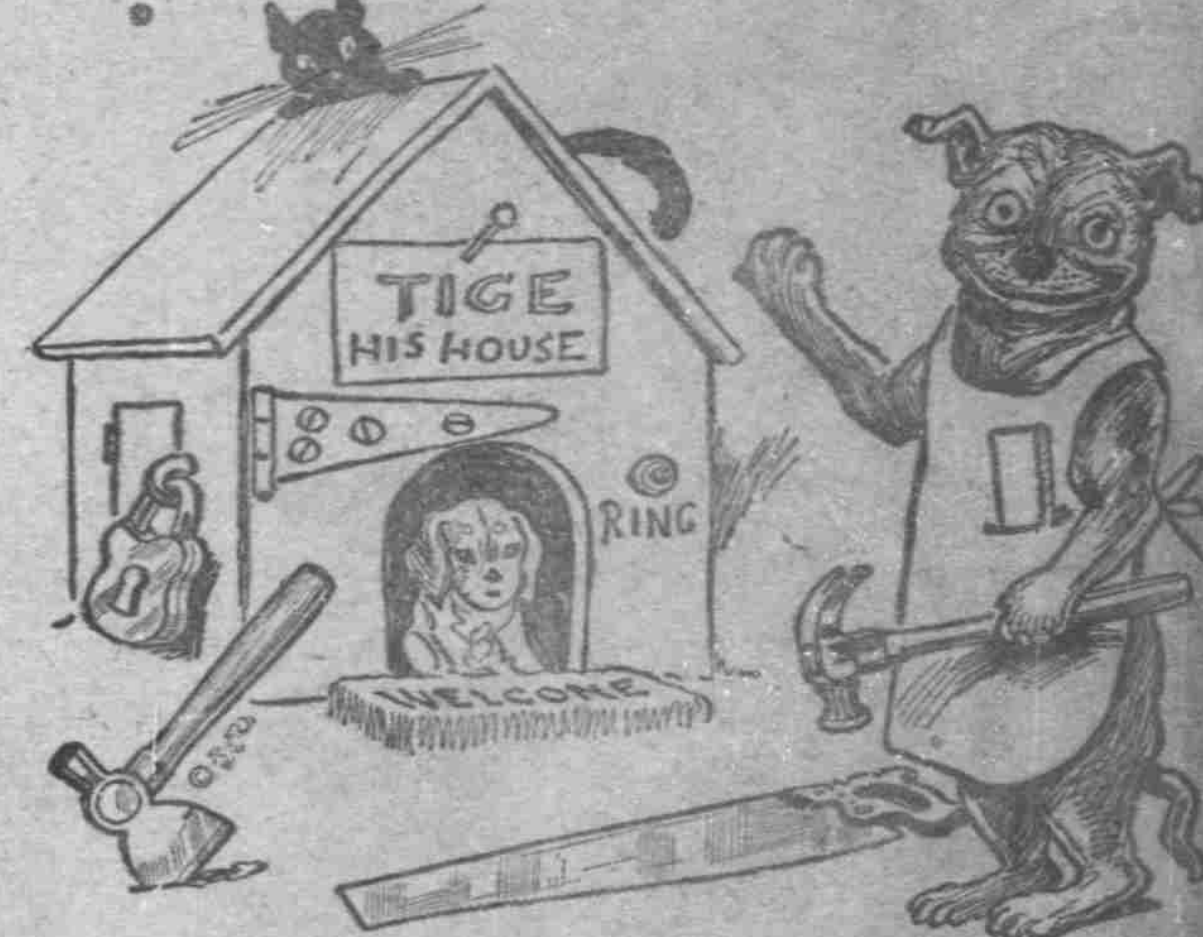
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